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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852.

Re: Docket #98N-1038,
(Irradiation in the production,
processing and handling of food)

To whom it may concern:


I wish to see prominent labeling, the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated foods. I view terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" as very, very misleading, and am opposed to permitting their use as alternatives.

I do not believe there should be any expiration of the labeling requirement for irradiated foods. Irradiation is a material fact; it affects food quality; and the absence of a statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer. (Indeed, the latter changes are among the reasons irradiation is being used in food processing).

The FDA should be seeking to ensure that consumers have the greatest reasonable amount of information available to them, in the clearest form, about the foods they are purchasing. Keep the label and keep it clear!

Thank you. I would like to be informed of the agency's decision in this regard.

Sincerely,

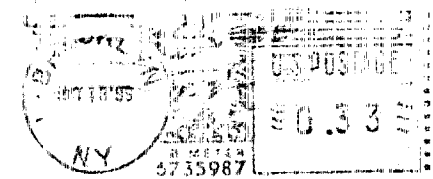
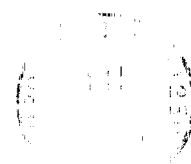

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